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SUBJ: FDA REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
LOW-ACID CANNED FOOD MANUFACTURING FIRMS

1. FDA ADVISES THAT JOHN L. YOUNT, ATLANTA DISTRICT OFFICE;
PAUL F. SHATTO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL OPERATIONS;
AND REGINALD L. HANDWERK, BUREAU OF FOODS, WILL BE IN SOUTH KOREA
AND TAIWAN MAY 24 THROUGH JUNE 20, 1975.

2. THESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL VISIT FOUR LOW-ACID CANNED FOOD
MANUFACTURING FIRMS IN SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN. THESE FIRMS HAV
HAD EITHER THEIR CANNED FOOD DETAINED AT THE PORT OF ENTRY IN
THE U.S., OR HAVE HAD A RECALL OF THEIR PRODUCTS DUE TO TOXIN
OR VIABLE SPORES OF C. BOTULINUM OR OTHER BACTERIA INDICATIVE OF
UNDERPROCESSING OR POOR CONTROL OF PH. THE TEAM WILL BE
COMPOSED OF A FOOD TECHNOLOGIST, AND ENGINEER, AND A HAZARD
ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT INVESTIGATOR.

3. ITINERARY, AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 22, 1975 - DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR SEOUL, KOREA.

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Y 26 - MEET WITH KOREAN CANNERS ASSOCIATION.

MAY 28 - 31 - VISIT HAM NAM FISHERIES.

JUNE 2 - 5 - VIUIT RIN YONG COMPANY.

JUNE 6 - 11 - VISIT TAI PONG SILUP COMPANY.

JUNE 12 - TRAVEL TO TAIWAN.

JUNE 13 - MEET WITH TAIWAN OFFICIALS.

JUNE 16 - 19 - VISIT TON SHUN COMPANY.

JUNE 20, 1975 - DEPART TAIWAN FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. ALTHOUGH ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSIES WILL NOT BE REQUIRED,
COMMERCIAL ATTACHES AND STAFF MAY WISH TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF FDA
OFFICIALS WITH KOREAN AND TAIWAN OFFICIALS. TRAVELERS ADVISED
TO CONTACT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE PRIOR TO INITIATING VISITS.

5. CONCURRENCE OF CONCERNED COUNTRIES HAS BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH
RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. INGERSOLL

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